ASSEMBLY, No. 2625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes exemption for solar panel installation in certain wetland areas on farmland.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1	AN ACT concerning certain types of energy generation in certain
2	wetland areas on farmland, and supplementing P.L.1987, c.156
3	(C.13:9B-1 et seq.).
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5	BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6	of New Jersey:
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8	1. In addition to the exemptions provided pursuant to section 4
9	of P.L.1987, c.156 (C.13:9B-4) but notwithstanding the limitations
10	on such exemptions specified pursuant to that section, installation
11	of solar panels shall be a regulated activity exempt from the
12	requirement of a freshwater wetlands permit and transition area
13	requirements, provided that:
14	a. The land on which the solar panels are to be installed has
15	been in agricultural or horticultural use for three years or more; and
16	b. The only indication that the land is freshwater wetlands or a
17	transition area is the presence of hydrologic soils as determined by
18	soil sampling.
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20	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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23	STATEMENT
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25	This bill provides an exemption from the requirement of a
26	freshwater wetlands permit and transition area requirements for
27	installation of solar panels, if:
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2) the only indication of wetlands on the land is the presence of hydrologic soils as determined by soil sampling.